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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

-----x Case No: 21-cv-07163

LETICIA FRANCINE STIDHUM,

Plaintiff, **PLAINTIFF'S THIRD**

REQUESTS FOR

PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS TO DEFENDANTS

161-10 HILLSIDE AUTO AVE, LLC d/b/a Hillside Auto Outlet *et al.*

Defendants.

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v.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Plaintiff in the above stated action by **and** through her attorneys, Troy Law, PLLC, in accordance with Rule 34 of the Fed. R. Civ. P. **and** the Local Civil Rules of the **United States District Courts for the Eastern District of New York**, hereby requests that Defendants produce the **documents and electronically-stored information** for inspection **and** copying within thirty (30) days of the date of these requests (the "**Requests**") at Troy Law, PLLC, 41-25 Kissena Boulevard, Suite 110, Flushing, NY 11355, email at: johntroy@troypllc.com. Defendants are also required to serve written responses within thirty (30) days of the date of the requests.

DEFINITIONS

- 1. **Each** numbered request for production, as set forth below (the "**Requests**"), shall be deemed to state **and** incorporate **each and** every of the below numbered definitions as if set forth fully therein.
- 2. "All," "each," and "every" shall be construed as inclusive or exclusive, as necessary to afford the widest possible scope of inquiry to the discovery request containing such terms.

- 3. "And/or" shall be construed either disjunctively or conjunctively as necessary to bring within the scope of this discovery request all responses that might otherwise be construed to be outside of its scope.
- 4. "Class or Collective Members" means all individuals who satisfy any class or collective definition set forth in the operative complaint in this action.
- 5. "Communications" mean any conveyance of information from one or more persons to one or more other persons and includes, but are not limited to, oral, written, electronic, verbal, and nonverbal modes.
- 6. "Company" means any corporation, limited liability company, partnership, limited partnership, sole proprietorship, joint venture, or any other business combination of any kind.
- 7. "Compensation" means all monies and benefits, including salaries, hourly wages, overtime wages, commissions, raises, and bonuses; or any other employment benefit plans, including, but not limited to, pension, severance, stock, retirement, and medical plans.
- 8. "Concerning" means relating to, referring to, describing, evidencing or constituting.
- 9. "Customer" means any customer, internal or external client or employee, or other person or entity that Defendants or Class or Collective Members provided services to or performed work for at any time throughout the relevant period.
- 10. Unless otherwise indicated, **each** request asking for information regarding defendants should be construed as encompassing **any** corporation, partnership, subsidiary, **or** other business owned **and/or** operated, in whole **or** in part, by Defendants, **and/or** officers, **employees**, agents, consultants, attorneys, **and/or any** other persons acting for Defendants **or** on their behalf.
- 11. The terms "**Defendant**," "You," and "Your" refer to Defendants and include all of its subsidiaries, officers, employees, agents, consultants, attorneys, and/or any other persons acting for **Defendant or** on its behalf.
- 12. "Document" is defined to be synonymous and equal in scope to usage of this term in Rule 34(a) of the Fed. R. Civ. P. 34 and include, but are not limited to, any and all documents and information maintained electronically on any computer hard drive, disk, diskette, tape, video or other information storage format. A copy or duplicate of a document which has any non-conforming notes, marginal annotations or other markings, and any preliminary version, draft or revision of the foregoing is a separate document within the meaning of this term. This definition refers to, without limitation, the original and all non-identical copies of all writings, including any and all drafts, alterations and modifications, changes and amendments of any of the foregoing whether handwritten, typed, printed or otherwise produced in any format including, but not limited to, paper or electronically-stored information ("ESI"), as further defined hereinafter. This definition also includes, without limitation, books, records, manuals, statements, minutes, letters, correspondence, memoranda, legal pleadings, calendars, diaries,

lists, schedules, directives, agreements, contracts, print-outs, studies, summaries, records of telephone conversations, telegrams, notes, reports, compilations, notebooks, work papers, graphs, graphics, transcripts, charts, blueprints, timelines, pamphlets, brochures, circulars, manuals, instructions, ledgers, drawings, sketches, photographs, video recordings, film and sound reproductions, **ESI** on computer discs or other digital or analog storage media, including servers, file servers, document repositories, CDs, CD-Rs, DVDs, DVD-Rest, floppy discs, hard discs and hard drives, video tapes, flash drives, pen drives, thumb drives, programming instructions, sales, advertising and promotional literature, agreements or minutes of meetings, telephone conversations or other conversation or communication in your possession, custody or control, or in the possession, custody or control of your predecessors, successors, officers, directors, shareholders, **employees**, agents, representatives **and** attorneys. This definition also includes non-printed matter such as voice records and reproductions, film impressions, photographs, videos, negatives, slides, microfilms, microfiches, e-mail, text messages, instant messages, and other things that document or record ideas, words or impressions. This definition further includes all tapes, disks, or records used in electronic data processing, together with the programming instructions and other written materials necessary to understand or use such tapes, disks or other recordings, and further includes ESI.

- 13. "Electronically-stored information" or "ESI" means any document that can be or has been stored in electronic form on a server, tape, electronic media such as an internal or external hard drive or any media whereby the document can be saved and be available for retrieval using any retrieval device, including a computer or server.
- 14. "Employee" is to refer to any individual or individuals including all officers, executives, managers, supervisors, professionals, hourly and salaried personnel, tipped or non-tipped and any other person who is or has been employed by Defendants during the relevant period.
 - 15. "Hours" include full hours and partial hour(s).
 - 16. "**Identify**" or "**identification**" means, when used in reference to:
 - a. A natural **person**:
 - i. Full name;
 - ii. Present **or** last known residence **and** business addresses (including street name **and** number, city **or** town, **and** state **or** country) **and** telephone number;
 - iii. Present position, business affiliation, **and** job description (if the present business **or** residence address **or** present position, business affiliation, **or** job description are unknown, indicate so with statement of such **and** provide the corresponding last known such information);
 - iv. Position, business affiliation, **and** job description at **any** time in question, with respect to the request **or** other requests involved, with beginning **and** end dates.
 - b. A **document or** electronic information:

- i. Its description (e.g., letter, memorandum, report, etc);
- ii. Its title, date, **and** the number of pages thereof;
- iii. Its subject matter;
- iv. Its author's identity;
- v. Its addressee's identity;
- vi. The identity of **each person** who signed it;
- vii. The identity of **each person** who received it;
- viii. Its present location **and** its custodian's identity (if such **document** was, but is no longer, in the possession of **or** subject to control of Defendants, such a statement **and** the manner **and** date of the deposition made thereof).

c. An oral communication:

- i. Its date **and** the place where it occurred;
- ii. Its substance;
- iii. The identity of **each person** to whom such communication was made, **and each person** who was present when such communication was made.

d. **Any** other context:

- i. A description with sufficient particularity that the thing may thereafter be specified **and** recognized, including relevant dates **and** places, **and** the **identification** of relevant people, entities **and** documents;
- ii. When used as a part of a request for facts to support a particular allegation **or** contention, it includes **identification** of documents **and** electronic information produced by others as part of the discovery process, experts' reports, **and** applicable portions of deposition transcripts, **identification** of oral communications, **any and all** other forms of recorded facts, whether **or** not you have finally decided on its use at trial.
- 17. Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 34, "electronic information" subject to disclosure includes information stored "in **any** medium." Such media include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Active, online storage locations, such as magnetic disks **and** hard drives;
 - b. Near-line storage locations, such as optical disks;
 - c. Offline storage locations **and** archives, such as removable optical disks **and** magnetic tape media;
 - d. Back-up tapes;
 - e. Floppy disks, diskettes, CDs, zip discs, jazz discs, zip drive, flash memory, DVDs, videotapes, audiotapes, Personal Digital Assistant ("PDA"), memory cards; **and**

- f. **Any** other medium, including but not limited to third-party Electronic Communications Service **and** Remote Computing Service providers, such as wireless cell phone companies, online electronic mail providers (e.g., Gmail, Hotmail **or** Facebook); **and any** website hosting providers (e.g., Typad).
- 18. "**Opt-in Plaintiffs**" refer to **all** Collective Members who have consented in writing to join this litigation.
- 19. "**Person**" as used in these **document** requests means **any** natural **person or any** corporation, partnership, association, joint venture, firm, group, committee, organization, council, team, task force, board **or** other enterprise **or** entity, **and** means both the singular **and** plural.
 - 20. "Plaintiffs" refer to the named plaintiffs in this litigation.
- 21. "Policy" or "policies" means each rule, procedure, or directive, formal or informal, written or unwritten, and each common understanding or course of conduct that was recognized as such by Defendants or persons acting or purporting to act on Defendants' behalf, that has been in effect at any time during the period covered by these demands. These terms include any change of policy.
- 22. "**Refers to**" and "relates to" mean evidencing, constituting, reflecting, showing, comprising, including, containing, describing, considering, discussing, regarding, setting forth, studying, analyzing, commenting upon, recommending, alluding to, **or** mentioning, in whole **or** in part.
- 23. "Relevant period" as used in the requests means from six (6) years prior to the day of the filing of the lawsuit to the present date for all New York Class Members and from three (3) years prior to the day of the filing of the complaint to the present date for all Collective Members.
- 24. "**Showing**" or "to show" means depicting, displaying, demonstrating, exhibiting, reporting, presenting, and/or setting forth, and shall be construed to afford the widest possible scope of inquiry to the discovery request containing such term.
- 25. "**Time cards**" refer to records **or** other documents created upon the direction **or** supervision of the Defendants for the purpose of reflecting the **hours** worked by Plaintiff during the relevant time of employment.
- 26. "Work" includes, but is not limited to, **all** activities **or** tasks performed in whole **or** in part, directly **or** indirectly, for Defendants' benefit, whether by **any employee**, independent contractor, **or** other individual **or** entity.

INSTRUCTIONS

Unless otherwise indicated, the following instructions apply to, **and** are incorporated into, all Definitions, Requests, **and** Instructions:

- 1. **All** requests pertain to the entirety of the relevant period, **and** should be updated regularly.
- 2. In responding to these requests, the documents produced shall be segregated **and** identified by the paragraphs **and** subparagraphs of this request to which they are primarily responsive.
- 3. Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 34, **each document** shall be produced as it is kept in the usual course of business **and** shall be organized **and** labeled with the paragraphs **and** subparagraphs of this request to which they are primarily responsive.
- 4. At **or** before the filing of the complaint in this case, Defendants were under a duty to preserve documents **and ESI** related to this matter. Accordingly, Plaintiffs expect that Defendants **and** its counsel will prevent the destruction **or** alteration of **any** documents requested herein by the operation of **any** electronic information system (routine **or** otherwise) **and** hereby put Defendants on notice that **any** destruction **or** alteration of such documents, **or any** action that makes such documents more difficult **or** expensive to access **and** use, without completing a meet **and** confer process with Plaintiffs' counsel regarding this action, will not be considered to be in "good faith," as contemplated in Fed. R. Civ. P. 37(f). If Defendants do not believe that it can reasonably comply with this instruction, Plaintiffs request that Defendants contact Plaintiffs, in writing, within 10 days from receipt of these requests, to meet **and** confer about whether immediate court intervention is necessary.
- 5. Unless otherwise indicated, Plaintiffs request that Defendants produce responsive documents as follows:
 - a. Documents should be provided on DVD, CD **or** external hard drive. The volume of the documents will determine whether they are provided on DVD, CD, **or** hard drives.
 - b. Documents should not be zipped, compressed, encrypted, **or** otherwise restricted **or** proprietarily protected for specific use.
 - c. Paper documents should be scanned and processed to TIFF files. If a document is available to Defendants both in paper and electronic form, Plaintiffs request that Defendants produce the requested document in electronic form, as described herein.
 - d. Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 34(a)(1), Plaintiffs may specify the form **or** forms in which **ESI** is to be produced. Plaintiffs request that **ESI** be produced according to the instructions contained in <u>Attachment A</u>.
 - e. A cover letter **or** fact sheet should be included describing in as much detail as practicable the contents of the collection.
 - f. **All** productions should be produced as they are ordinarily maintained, for example, organized by custodian **or** sources.

- g. Documents shall be Bates-stamped **or** otherwise numbered sequentially.
- h. **All document** production requests should be separately answered in order, **and** should follow a reprinting of the **document** production request being addressed.
- i. If **any document** production request does not apply to you, state "not applicable" with respect to such **document** production request **and** state the factual basis for such contention.
- j. In the event that you object to **any document** production request on the grounds that it is overbroad **and/or** unduly burdensome for **any** reason, respond to that **document** production request as narrowed to the least extent necessary to render it not overbroad / unduly burdensome **and** state specifically the extent to which you have narrowed that **document** production request for purposes of your response.
- k. If **any document** production request is privileged, describe **each** such **document** so that it may be readily identified, **and** state the privilege claim.
- 1. For **any document or** portion of a **document** that is withheld on grounds of privilege, a privilege log shall be provided in accordance with the requirements of the Local Civil Rules of the United States District Court for the DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY (e.g., Rule 26.2).
- m. If you object to **any document** production request, in part **or** in whole, as inquiring into privileged, protected **or** immune matters, set forth fully in your objection the information required by Rule 26.2 of the Local Civil Rules of the United States District Court for the DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY.
- 6. **Each** request which seeks information relating in **any** way to communication to, from, **or** within a business **and/or** corporate entity is hereby designated to demand **and** should be constructed to include **all** communications by **and** between representatives, **employee**s, agents, brokers, **and/or** servants of the business **and/or** corporate entity.
- 7. With respect to **any and all document** production request answered by specifying business records (including **ESI**), when permitted by Fed. R. Civ. P. 33(d), specify the records in sufficient detail to enable the Plaintiffs to locate **and identify** them as readily as the Defendants; **and** give the Plaintiffs a reasonable opportunity to examine **and** audit the records **and** to make copies, compilations, abstracts **or** summaries. As required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 34(b)(2)(E)(i), documents must be produced as they are kept in the ordinary course of business **or** must be organized **and** labeled to correspond to the categories of the requests.
- 8. To the extent Defendants have already produced documents responsive to these requests, state the unique identifier (e.g., MD 5 Hash value **or** Bates number) for **each** responsive **document** that was previously produced.

- 9. **Each** request should be responded to separately. However, a **document** which is the response to more than one request may, if the relevant portion is marked **or** indexed, be produced **and** referred to in a later response.
- 10. The documents produced in response to the requests shall include **all** drafts thereof, attachments, **and** enclosures.
- 11. **All** documents produced in response to the requests shall be produced in total, notwithstanding the fact that portions thereof may contain information not requested.
- 12. In responding to the requests, Defendants shall provide **all** requested documents in their possession, custody, **or** control **and** shall include **all** such documents in the possession, custody, **or** control of Defendants' attorneys, investigators, **or any** third party to whom Defendants have surrendered possession, custody, **or** control, who are acting on Defendants' behalf, who have otherwise obtained possession, custody, **or** control, **or** who, upon Defendants' request, would surrender possession, custody, **or** control to Defendants.
- 13. In responding to the **document** production requests, furnish **all documents** that are available to you **or** subject to your control **and** indicate from which Defendant **document** is produced if unavailable to you **or** not subject to your control.
- 14. If Defendants cannot produce **any document** after exercising due diligence to secure such **document**, they are to so state, describe the **document** that they are attempting to secure **and** the efforts being made to secure the same, **and** respond to the remainder of the requests.
- 15. If, to Defendants' knowledge, documents responsive to one **or** more requests were never in Defendants' possession, custody, **or** control but are **or** have been in the possession, custody, **or** control of **any** other **person**, please **identify all** such persons.
- 16. If **any document** responsive to the requests was, but is no longer, in your possession, custody **or** control, please **identify each** such **document** including (a) the type **or** character of the **document** (e.g., letter, memorandum, signed statement, notes, etc.); (b) title, if **any**, of the **document**; (c) the name **and** address of the author of the **document**; (d) the name **and** address of the recipient of the **document**, if **any**; (e) the names **and** addresses of **all** recipients of the copies of the **document**, if **any**; (f) **all** information contained in **each** such **document**; (g) the date **and** circumstances under which **each** such **document** ceased to exist **or** to be in your possession, custody, **or** control; (h) the reasons that **each** such **document** was caused to, **or** happened to, cease to exist; (i) the time period during which **each document** was maintained; (j) the location of **each** such **document**; (k) the **person or** persons from whom **each** such **document** may be obtained.
- 17. For **all** documents that are not produced in response to **any** of the requests because such documents were <u>lost or destroyed</u>, <u>such documents shall be identified</u> by giving, to the extent known: (a) the types of documents; (b) the general subject matter of the documents; (c) the dates of the documents; (d) the authors, addresses, **and** recipients of the documents; (e) the circumstances surrounding the loss of the documents **or** destruction of the documents, if applicable; **and** (f) the last **or** present custodian of the documents.

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- 18. If requested documents are maintained in a file, folder, **or** other container, please produce the file, folder, **or** other container, **or** a complete copy of same, with the documents. For **ESI** that originates in a digital folder structure, please produce the folder names **and** relationships as metadata.
- 19. The scope of your search for **ESI** shall include **all** forms of **ESI** collection, preservation, transmission, communication **and** storage, including:
 - a. All ESI generated and maintained in the ordinary course of business, including ESI stored on mainframe computers or local and network computers or drives or servers or any other media or location where ESI can be or is stored;
 - b. Distributed data **or** removable data, i.e., information which resides on portable media **and** non-local drives, including home computers, laptop computers, magnetic **or** floppy discs, CD-ROMs, DVDs, zip drivers, Internet repositories including emailed host by Internet service providers, handheld storage devices such as PDAs, BlackBerry devices, cellular telephones, **and** flash memory drives used by managers, supervisors **or** Defendants in the **work** place **or** at home;
 - c. Forensic copy or backup ESI, including archive and backup data;
 - d. Network **ESI**, including voice mail systems, email servers, ISP servers, network servers, cloud servers **and** fax servers;
 - e. Legacy **ESI**, i.e., retained data that has been created **or** stored by the use of software **or** hardware that has been rendered outmoded **or** obsolete;
 - f. Metadata, i.e., information regarding a particular data set which describes how, when **and** by whom it was collected, created, accessed **and** modified **and** how it is formatted.
- 20. The requests **and** responses thereto shall be governed by the definitions **and** instructions contained in Rule 26.3 of the Local Civil Rules of the United States District Court for the DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY, as amended, which are incorporated by reference in these requests.
- 21. In accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(b)(5), if **any** information **or document** responsive to these requests is withheld pursuant to a claim **or** attorney-client privilege, **work** product protection, **or any** other common law **or** statutory privilege **or** protection, please specify the following: (a) the basis for withholding such information **or document**; (b) a generic description of the nature of the information **or document** being withheld in a manner that will enable Plaintiffs to assess the claim of privilege; (c) the date the information was learned **or** the **document** created; (d) the identity of the **person**(s) who learned the information **or** authored the **document**; (e) the date the information **or document** was transmitted **or** otherwise made available to anyone; **and** (f) the specific discovery request(s) to which the withheld information **or document** relates.

- 22. For **any document** withheld on grounds other than privilege, Defendants shall indicate with specificity the grounds under which they are withholding a **document**, **and identify** the **document** by including a description of the **document** in a log similar to a privilege log **or** other means sufficient to describe for **any** such documents: (a) the types of documents; (b) the general subject matter of the documents; (c) the dates of the documents; (d) the authors, addresses, **and** recipients of the documents; (e) the circumstances surrounding the loss of the documents **or** destruction of the documents, if applicable; **and** (f) the last **or** present custodian of the documents.
- 23. Unless otherwise indicated in writing, the failure to produce **any** documents in response to **any** request herein means that such documents do not exist, **or** are not in Defendants' possession, custody, **or** control, **or** the possession, custody, **or** control of Defendants' agents **or** anybody acting on Defendants' behalf.
- 24. This request shall be deemed to be continuing in nature so as to require further **and** supplemental production when Defendants discover, receive, **or** generate additional responsive documents between the time of the original production **and** the time of trial.
- 25. These **document** production requests are continuing in nature, so as to require you to furnish supplementary answers if additional **or** supplementary information comes to your knowledge prior to trial, **and** to do so without benefit of an additional demand from Plaintiffs, as provided by Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(e).
- 26. If **any document** response to this request exists in the form of tape recording, video recording, **or** other electronic recording, then it shall be preserved until the conclusion of the litigation. If a tape recording has not been transcribed, then a copy of such tape **or** electronic recording shall be produced, subject to **any** state law **or** regulation barring access to the Plaintiffs. Defendants' counsel shall retain the tape **and** make it available upon request of the Court **or** Plaintiffs' counsel. **Any** transcript shall be treated as **any** other responsive **document**.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

- 1. Identification card (such as driver's license) of Jory Baron, Andris Guzman, and Deanna Jennings (can be redacted).
- 2. Call log of JORY BARON, including but not limited to the cell phone number 5168402524. The call log may be redacted but should show unredacted any calls received from or to Defendant JORY BARON to Leticia Stidhum between December 2018 and January 2019.
- 3. Any and all text messages from/ to Defendant Jory Baron at his personal cell phone number at 5168402524 to/ from Plaintiff. Please confirm that any and all text messages have been produced and provide Bates-Indexed production as represented during the deposition on March 3, 2023.
- 4. Any and all messages between Defendant Jory Baron and any named Defendants concerning Plaintiff Leticia Stidhum and/or containing any of the search terms in Table 1 between March 2018 and February 2019.
- 5. Any and all messages from/ to Defendant Jory Baron containing any of the search terms in Table 1 between March 2018 and February 2019.
- 6. Any and all text messages from/ to Defendant Andris Guzman at his personal cell phone number at 3477490633 to/ from Plaintiff. Please confirm that any and all text messages have been produced and provide Bates-Indexed production as represented during the deposition on March 9, 2023.
- 7. Call log of ANDRIS GUZMAN, including but not limited to the 3477490633. The call log may be redacted but should show unredacted any calls received from or to Defendant ANDRIS GUZMAN to Leticia Stidhum between December 2018 and January 2019.
- 8. Any and all messages between Defendant ANDRIS GUZMAN and any named Defendants concerning Plaintiff Leticia Stidhum and/or containing any of the search terms in Table 1 between March 2018 and February 2019.
- 9. Any and all documents concerning employee pay and performance in the two employee folders kept for car salesperson Leticia Stidhum.
- 10. Any and all documents concerning employee complaints about pregnancy discrimination, disciplinary actions taken, pay, and performance for Business Development Center Clerk LILY, together with documents sufficient to show her full name and last-known address.
- 11. Any and all documents, including car sales sheets containing number of cars sold on a weekly basis, commissions earned on the car sales, and any bonuses paid for Leticia Stidhum and the other car salespeople working for Corporate Defendant 161-40 Hillside Ave LLC between October 2018 and February 2019

- 12. Documents sufficient to identify the Certified Public Account of Hillside Auto Mall from 2018 to 2019.
- 13. Documents sufficient to identify the Certified Public Account of Hillside Auto Outlet from 2018 to 2019.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ John Troy
John Troy
TROY LAW, PLLC
Attorneys for Plaintiff

Search Term Table 1

Search No.	Search Terms
1	pregn* OR sonog* OR expect* OR carry*
2	"eating for two" OR pea OR bun
3	Family
4	Leticia OR Stidhum
5	wom*n OR wife OR female

Certificate of Service

I, Tiffany Troy, an attorney duly admitted in the State of New York and in this court, hereby certify that:

I have today served the annexed Third Requests for the production of documents on the Defendants in this action by causing a copy to be sent *via* electronic mail to their attorneys of record at the email addresses below their attorneys of record at the address below.

Dated: March 14, 2023

By: <u>/s/ Tiffany Troy</u>
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